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LUSAKA PLEASE PASS TO AMB CLARK

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF REFUGEE SURVEY TEAM TO MOZAMBIQUE: WRAP-UP

1. SUMMARY: REFUGEE SURVEY TEAM LED BY AMBASSADOR
EDWARD CLARK PAID A VERY SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE
FROM SEPTEMBER 1 TO 4. VISIT PROVED PARTICULARLY
VALUABLE TO SURVEY TEAM AND EMBASSY. TEAM MET WITH
LEADING MOZAMBIQUE OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH REFUGEE AFFAIRS
AND TOURED ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEE CAMP AT DOROI. AS FAR AS
WE AWARE, VISIT TO DOROI WAS FIRST SUCH INSPECTION OF ANY
ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEE CAMP IN MOZAMBIQUE BY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT
OFFICIALS. END SUMMARY.

2. REFUGEE SURVEY TEAM LED BY AMBASSADOR EDWARD CLARK
AND INCLUDING JESSE SNYDER AND KARL KOHLER PAID A HIGHLY
SUCCESSFUL FOUR-DAY VISIT TO MOZAMBIQUE FROM SEPTEMBER 1
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TO SEPTEMBER 4. DURING VISIT, TEAM HAD EXTENSIVE DISCUSSIONS
WITH UNHCR REPS SERGIO DE MELLO AND EBENEZER BLAVO, TALKED
OVER LUNCH WITH UNDP REP ERIK ZETTERBURG AND UNESCO REP
YVES PELLE, AND REVIEWED EMBASSY REPORTING ON ZIMBABWEAN
REFUGEE SITUATION WITH AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFFS.

3. TEAM ALSO MET WITH FRANCISCO LANGA, MOZAMBIQUE'S

NEWLY APPOINTED NATIONAL DIRECTOR OF REFUGEE SERVICES AND WITH TWO MEMBERS OF PATRIOTIC FRONT OFFICE (ZANU WING) IN MAPUTO. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH LANGA AND ZANU REPRESENTATIVES, AMBASSADOR CLARK DISCUSSED PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT, EXPRESSED US DESIRE TO HELP ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES AND USED OCCASION TO ANNOUNCE RECENT DECISION OF US TO PROVIDE FOOD AID ASSISTANCE TO ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES. LANGA AND ZIMBABWEANS WERE CORDIAL AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR RECENT US FOOD DONATION.

4. HIGH POINT OF TRIP WAS ONE-DAY TRIP TO CENTRAL MOZAMBIQUE, WHERE SURVEY TEAM TOURED ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEE CAMP AT DOROI (SEE SEPTTEL) AND INSPECTED STORAGE FACILITIES IN BEIRA WHERE GOODS FOR REFUGEES ARE KEPT PRIOR TO DISTRIBUTION TO CAMPS.

5. COMMENT. SURVEY TEAM AND EMBASSY FOUND VISIT VERY USEFUL FOR SEVERAL REASONS. SURVEY TEAM WAS ABLE TO MEET WITH VARIETY OF INFORMED UN AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WITH DIRECT KNOWLEDGE ABOUT PLIGHT OF ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES. TRIP ALSO GAVE EMBASSY OFFICERS OPPORTUNITY TO MEET FOR FIRST TIME WITH NEW GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR REFUGEE AFFAIRS AND TO INFORM THEM OF OUR RECENTLY APPROVED OFFER OF ASSISTANCE TO THE MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT TO FEED REFUGEES. IN ADDITION, TRIP TO MOZAMBIQUE RESULTED IN OPPORTUNITY FOR TEAM AND EMBASSY OFFICER TO TOUR THE LARGEST
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OF THE UNHCR SPONSORED ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEE CAMPS AT DOROI. VISIT TO DOROI ALSO ESTABLISHED SOMETHING OF A PRECEDENT. AS FAR AS WE AWARE, THIS IS FIRST TIME ANY OFFICIALS FROM ANY FOREIGN GOVERNMENT (OR EMBASSY) HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO VISIT A ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEE CAMP IN MOZAMBIQUE. ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT KNOW WHY GOVERNMENT ALLOWED SURVEY TEAM AND EMBOFF TO VISIT CAMP, OUR RECENT ANNOUNCEMENT OF FOOD ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE TO AID THE ZIMBABWEAN REFUGEES MAY HAVE BEEN AN INSTRUMENTAL FACTOR.
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